Utah Pollinator Habitat Program

Wasatch Penstemon (*Penstemon cyananthus*)

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Zone: 4-9

Color: Blue, violet

Bloom Time: May through August

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 6-18” tall

Mature Spread: 12” wide

Water Use: Low

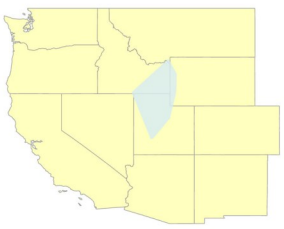
Soil Type: Loam, sand, alkaline soils

Range and Native Habitat: Wasatch penstemon has a narrow range occurring in the Rocky Mountain region of Utah, Idaho, and portions of Montana. It can be found on open slopes and in aspen stands and meadows from foothills to subalpine areas.

Suggested Maintenance: Limited pruning can improve the overall health and enhance flowering of Wasatch penstemon. Little other maintenance is needed for this easy-to-grow perennial.

Other: Wasatch penstemon tolerates competition better than most penstemons. It can thrive in dry, harsh conditions. It flowers the second year and volunteers freely from seed. The species is deer resistant.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported

Landscaping Information

Sun
Full sun to partial shade

Water Needs
Low

Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once established

Soil Drainage
Well-drained

Propagation
By seed, 10-16 weeks stratification